

White smiths:

Tinsmiths

Silversmiths

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white man's burden, the alleged duty of the white race to care for and educate ignorant or uncivilized peoples, esp. subject peoples, of other races.

white matter, *Anat.* nervous tissue, esp. of the brain and spinal cord containing fibers only, and nearly white in color.

white meat, any light-colored flesh meat, as veal, the breast of chicken, etc.

white metal, any of various light-colored alloys, as Babbitt metal, Britannia metal, etc.

White Mountains, a mountain range in N New Hampshire; a part of the Appalachian system. Highest peak (in the NE U.S.), Mt. Washington, 6293 ft.

Whit-en (*hwit/en*), *v.t.*, *v.i.* to make or become white. —*whit/en-er*, *n.*

—*Syn.* **WHITEN**, **BLEACH** mean to make or become white. To **WHITEN** implies giving a white color or appearance by putting a substance of some kind on the outside; to **whiten shoes**. To **BLEACH** implies taking away original color throughout: to **bleach celery** by keeping it in the dark. To **BLEACH** implies making white by placing in (sun) light or by using chemicals: to **bleach linen**, *hair*. —*Ant.* **blacken**.

whiteness (*hwit/nfs*), *n.* 1. quality or state of being white. 2. paleness. 3. purity. 4. a white substance.

White Nile, See Nile, White.

whitening (*hwit/ten'ing*), *n.* 1. act or process of making or turning white. 2. a preparation for making something white; whitening.

white oak, 1. an oak, *Quercus alba*, of eastern North America, having a light-gray to white bark and a hard, durable wood. 2. an oak, *Quercus petraea*, of England. 3. any of several other species of oak, as *Q. Garryana* or *Q. lobata* of western North America, or *Q. Robur* of Great Britain. 4. the wood of any of these trees.

white paper, 1. paper bleached white. 2. an official report of a government. 3. *Brit.* a publication of the House of Commons similar to, but less complete than, a blue paper.

White Pass, a mountain pass in SE Alaska, near Skagway, ab. 2800 ft. high.

white pepper, a condiment prepared from the husked dried berries of the pepper plant, used either whole or ground. See **pepper**.

white perch, a percoid fish, *Morone americana*, of the streams and river mouths of the eastern and southern U.S.

white pine, 1. a pine, *Pinus Strobus*, of eastern North America, yielding a light-colored, soft, light wood of great commercial importance. 2. the wood itself. 3. any of various other similar species of pine.

white plague, tuberculosis, esp. pulmonary tuberculosis.

White Plains, a city in SE New York, near New York City; battle, 1776. 43,466 (1950).

white poplar, 1. an Old World poplar, *Populus alba*, widely cultivated in the U.S., having the under side of the leaves covered with a dense silvery-white down. 2. the soft, straight-grained wood of the tulip tree.

white potato, Irish potato.

white primary, U.S. a direct primary of the Democratic party in southern states in which only white persons may vote.

white race, the Caucasian race.

white rat, an albino variety of the Norway rat, *Rattus norvegicus*, used in biological experiments.

White River, a river flowing from NW Arkansas generally SE to the Mississippi river, ab. 690 mi.

White Rock, a variety of Plymouth Rock (poultry).

white rose. *Hist.* See **rose** (def. 9b).

White Russia, 1. Official name, White Russian Soviet Socialist Republic. Also, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, a constituent republic of the Soviet Union, in the W part, 5,567,976 pop. (1939); 87,100 sq. mi. *Cap.* Minsk. 2. a region in the W part of czarist Russia, inhabited by the White Russians.

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white-throated sparrow, a well-known North American finch, *Zonotrichia albicollis*; Peabody bird.

white turnip. See **turnip** (def. 1).

white vitriol, zinc sulfate heptahydrate, $ZnSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$, a white crystalline compound, used as an antiseptic, mordant, preservative, etc.

white-wash (*hwit/wōsh*), (*-wōsh*), *n.* 1. a composition, as of lime and water or of whiting, size, and water, used for whitening walls, woodwork, etc. 2. anything used to cover up defects, gloss over faults, or errors, or give a specious semblance of respectability, honesty, etc. 3. *Collog.* (in various games) a defeat in which the loser fails to score. —*v.t.* 4. to whiten with whitewash. 5. to cover up or gloss over (the defects, faults, errors, etc., of) by some means. 6. *Collog.* (in various games) to subject to a whitewash. —*white/wash'er*, *n.*

white wax, *Brit.* paraffin.

white whale, the beluga, *Delphinapterus leucas*.

white-wing (*hwit/w'ing*), *n.* a public street cleaner, as in New York City, wearing a white uniform.

white-winged dove, a common dove, *Zenaida asiatica*, of the southwestern U.S. and Mexico.

white-wood (*hwit/wōd*), *n.* 1. any of numerous trees, as the tulip tree or the linden, having a white or light-colored wood. 2. the wood. 3. the cottonwood of the genus *Populus*.

whither (*hwith'er*), *Archaic and Literary*; now replaced by **where**. —*adv.* 1. to what place? 2. to what point, end, course, etc., or to what? —*conj.* 3. to what, whatever, or which place, point, end, etc. [ME and OE *hwider*, alter. of *hwader* (c. Goth. *hwadrē*) on model of *hider* *hither*]

whither-so-ever (*hwith'er-sō-ev'er*), *adv.* to whatsoever place.

whither-ward (*hwith'er/ward*), *adv.* *Archaic*. toward what place; in what direction. Also, **whith'er-wards**.

whiting (*hwit/ting*), *n.* 1. a slender Atlantic shore fish of the genus *Merluccius*, of the croaker family (*Sciaenidae*). 2. the American Atlantic hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*). 3. any of several European species of the cod family, esp. *Merlangius merlangus*. [late ME *whytynge*, ? a ter. of OE *hwilling* kind of fish. Cf. *D. wijting*]

whiting (*hwit/ting*), *n.* pure white chalk (calcium carbonate) which has been ground and washed, used in making putty, whitewash, etc., and for cleaning silver, etc. [f. **WHITE** + **-ING**]

whit-ish (*hwit/ish*), *adj.* somewhat white; tending to white. —*whit-ish-ness*, *n.*

whit-low (*hwit/lō*), *n.* *Pathol.* an inflammation of the deeper tissues of a finger or toe, esp. of the terminal phalanx, usually terminating in suppuration. [ME *whitflawe*, *whitfloure*, f. **WHITE** + **FLAW**]

Whit-man (*hwit/man*), *n.* Walt (orig. Walter), 1819-1892, U.S. poet.

Whit-mon-day (*hwit/mūn/dē*), *n.* the Monday following Whitsunday.

Whit-ney (*hwit/nē*), *n.* 1. Eli, 1765-1825, American inventor (of the cotton gin). 2. William Dwight, 1827-1894, U.S. philologist and lexicographer. 3. Mount, a mountain in E California, in the Sierra Nevada Mountains; the highest peak in the United States proper, 14,495 ft.

Whit-sun (*hwit/sūn*), *adj.* of or pertaining to White Sunday or Whitsuntide.

Whit-sun-day (*hwit/sūn/dē*, *hwit/sūn/dē*), *n.* the seventh Sunday after Easter, celebrated as a festival in commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. [ME *whytsonenday*, OE *hwita Sunnandæg* lit., white Sunday, from the white (baptismal) robes worn on that day]

Whit-sun-tide (*hwit/sūn/tid*), *n.* the week beginning with Whitsunday, esp. the first three days of this week.

Whit-tler (*hwit/tlēr*), *n.* John Greenleaf, 1807-92, U.S. poet.

Whit-ting-ton (*hwit/tingtōn*), *n.* Dick, d. 1423, lord mayor of London about whom many legends survive.

whittle (*hwit/əl*), *v.* -tled, -tling, *n.* —*v.t.* 1. to cut, trim, or shape (a stick, piece of wood, etc.) by taking off bits with a knife. 2. to cut off (a bit or bits). 3. to cut by way of reducing amount (esp. fol. by down): to **whittle down expenses**. —*v.i.* 4. to cut bits or chips from wood or the like with a knife, as in shaping something or as a mere aimless diversion. [v. use of *n.*]

—*n.* 5. *Archaic or Dial. Scot. or Brit.* a knife. [alter. of *thwittle*, ME *thwitel* knife, der. OE *thwitan* whittle] —*whit'tler*, *n.*

whit-ting (*hwit/ting*), *n.* 1. act of one who whittles. 2. (usually pl.) a bit or chip whittled off.

whit-y (*hwit/y*), *adj.* whitish.

whizz (*hwiz*), *v.* whizzed, whizzing, *n.* —*v.i.* 1. to make a humming or hissing sound, as an object passing rapidly through the air. 2. to move or rush with such a sound. —*v.t.* 3. to cause to whizz. 4. to treat with a whizzer. —*n.* 5. the sound of a whizzing object. 6. a swift movement producing such a sound. Also, **whizz**. [imit.]

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